TELEGRAPH HILL BULLETIN

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY

10th Rip-Roaring Anniversary

THE TELEGRAPH HILL DWELLERS, BEING IN A FESTIVE mood and fine fettle, invite all Hill residents to join a glorious old-fashioned rip-roaring celebration of our 10th anniversary. We organized ten years ago to save the Hill bus -- which we did -- and we've been a happy hard-working group ever since, fighting for the 40-foot height limit, interested in preserving the charm and heritage of the hill while enhancing its beauty and development. Those are a few reasons for our party, which will be a costume affair -- come as a goat girl, a vigilante, as Lily Hitchcock Coit, an early artist, a beatnik, but come! It's at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 8 p.m. Monday, November 16. There will be decorations and dancing and spaghetti -- all for the $1.50 admission (plus $1 for Telegraph Hill Dweller membership if you aren't already a member in good standing). Beer and wine will flow at 25 cents per drink, there will be entertainment, pretty girls, prizes. It's the biggest brightest birthday ball of all! It's the Telegraph Hill Dwellers' foot-tapping, tub-thumping, turn-out Ball!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 8 P.M. TO 2 A.M.

OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY, 478 GREEN STREET

Tickets may be obtained at the door or from Nancy Katz, 2 Whiting Place, Yukon 6-1890 or Judy Thrall, 46 Darrow Place, Exbrook 7-2593.

10th turn-out

MEETING

The General Membership Meeting on September 24 covered a variety of subjects, the attempt of Angelo Sangiacomo to breach the 40-foot height limit on Union Street being of major importance. The decision of Zoning Administrator Clyde Fisher is still pending. It was generally agreed that the lawyers representing concerned Hill residents were excellent. Pat Majors, legal representative of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers added that the Sangiacomo lawyers never got down to proving any of the five points needed for achieving a variance.

Ken Evers reported on "Where we are in poles and wires," saying all digging,etc., preparatory to poles and wires coming down has been done. Renewed efforts for putting 2 1/2 to 10 miles per year underground will be made later when diagrams and maps are completed for presentation.

There was a lively exchange of ideas for the 10th anniversary party to be held November 16.

There was an affirmative vote to add the Telegraph Hill Dwellers to a plaque being sent to Mayor Shelley suggesting that the city look into all solutions of the traffic problem before extensions are put on Freeways.

A motion was brought to the floor for raising dues to $2.00 beginning next April, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

President Morton Rader and Ex-president Bernie Bour.

Frances Moffat and Mildred Schroeder arrived early.

Coffee was enjoyed after meeting.

STRONG STATEMENT FROM T.H.D.'S

President Morton Rader came out with a strong statement before Zoning Administrator Clyde Fisher at the four-hour City Hall hearing to defend Telegraph Hill's 40-foot height limit. He said, "The Telegraph Hill Dwellers are unalterably opposed to any change in the Telegraph Hill 40-foot special height limit ordinance. They do not recognize that it is within the jurisdiction of the zoning administrator to modify an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors."

A recent letter from Fisher received by President Rader indicated a decision might be reached between October 26 and October 30.

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The Fire Department is called to Telegraph Hill far too frequently to cope with gasoline leaking from cars. A complete unit must come each time this danger occurs. The Hill always receives the most splendid service from the Fire Department whenever there is an alarm and it would be considerate of car owners to park their cars with the gas tank opening on the up side when they have a full tank.

HEARING NOVEMBER 5

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers have been notified that a hearing will be held on November 5 by the Zoning Administrator regarding a proposed change of zoning for the Simmons Mattress Company Property on Bay Street. The projected development will consist of 514 dwelling units(within the 40-foot height limit) and various commercial uses.

40 DAY CONTINUANCE

Another recent hearing by the Board of Permit Appeals regarding the Rodriguez variance appeal resulted in a continuance of forty days.

LET'S LOOK AHEAD

No longer living on Telegraph Hill, Herb Caen is still one of its finest spokesmen. In one of his recent great Sunday columns "On Looking Back" he moved us again with his wisdom and his love for the city of San Francisco. Of our hill he wrote, "No doubt of it, the fortunate people who live on the East side of Telegraph Hill have the finest view in town. This monumental thought struck me afresh last Tuesday night--a particularly felicitous evening--as I sat on the deck of a friend's apartment, down the precipice from Coit Tower.

"Russian and Potrero, Twin Peaks and Sea Cliff are all very well, but they're too far from the Bay, and the Bay is, after all, the heart of San Francisco--where the magic is. To be pitifully simple about it, the Bay looks wetter from Telegraph Hill. You can actually see the tides and the changing colors--and from the proper vantage point you feel as though you could dangle your toes it it."

It was the kind of evening and the kind of setting for nostalgia and it "began to rise like a fog." "But," he continued, "if there's a lesson to be learned from all our yesterdays it is that the people who built San Francisco into a legend always looked forward, never back."

"Meanwhile," Herb Caen concluded, "we still have the view from Telegraph Hill. And the best way to enjoy it is by looking ahead."

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